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Anti-gay rights road show comes home

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Last Sunday, gays and lesbians made a public stand in Colorado Springs by holding a successful and well-attended gay pride parade and rally. Now, this Saturday, the group on the other side of the debate over gay rights, Colorado for Family Values, will speak out.

In a conservative church in south-

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east Colorado Springs, the Springs-based creators of Amendment 2 will hold a four-hour meeting in which members will hammer home the theme that gays are a threat to the community and immediate steps must be taken to stop their "mil-

itant" agenda.

Colorado for Family Values will also urge its supporters to form their own grass-roots groups to fight any group, business, school, church and individual in their community that supports gay rights.

The seminar is part of an aggressive statewide campaign by the political group headed by Colorado

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Colorado for Family Values will hold a "community watch seminar" in Colorado Springs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at First Nazarene Church, 4120 E. Fountain Blvd. Call CFV at 577-4916 for information.

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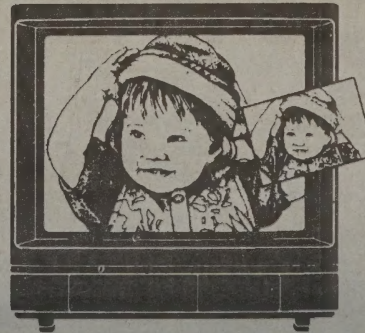
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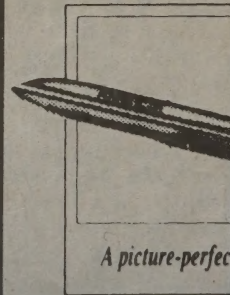
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Seminar/Charges leveled at gays

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Springs residents. The group, led by Springs car dealer Will Perkins, has held a number of the "community watch seminars" throughout Colorado since the beginning of the year.

Amendment 2, which bans laws that protect gays from discrimination based on their sexual orientation, is in danger of never becoming law, even though 53 percent of the state's voters approved of it last November.

The measure is on hold until the courts determine its constitutionality in a Denver District Court trial this fall. Currently, the state Supreme Court is deliberating whether to lift an injunction delaying enforcement of the amendment.

Outside of the courtroom, the measure sparked a searing national backlash — in the form of a boycott — by gay rights supporters who charge the amendment is mean-spirited and bigoted.

The meetings are meant to bolster support for Amendment 2 and also to broaden the range of assault on gay rights in Colorado.

During the election campaign for Amendment 2, the basic question the group asked state voters was whether gays and lesbians should be given "special rights." But Colorado for Family Values executive director Kevin Tebedo asked a crowd of roughly 150 people who attended a seminar in Pueblo last month whether that question should be expanded.

"The bottom line is this," Tebedo said. "Should homosexuals be offered a legitimacy in this nation by granting them a civil rights status, and do you want it promoted in any way in your community as a legitimate, viable lifestyle?"

Colorado for Family Values criticizes every aspect of homosexuality during the seminars it has already held.

Among the claims made at the seminars:

- Homosexuality is an immoral, unhappy lifestyle choice that can be changed either through therapy or finding God.

- The gay rights agenda is so deceptive and powerful that gays have quietly established footholds even in such unlikely places as rural Colorado.

- Opponents of Amendment 2 use Adolf Hitler's "Big Lie" technique, defined as: "Accuse your opponents, loudly and angrily, of doing precisely what you're doing. Lie often enough and bold enough, and people will find it difficult not to believe you."

- Gays have a disproportionate amount of influence because they control the power bases of government and many big businesses.

- Denver District Court Judge Jeff Bayless,

who placed the injunction on enforcement of Amendment 2, is a liberal judge appointed by a liberal governor, Dick Lamm.

"If we begin to rise up and take our system back," Tebedo told the crowd in Pueblo, "we will never be in a position where one judge can steal the vote of 813,000 Coloradans."

After presenting its case, Colorado for Family Values gives seminar participants detailed outlines explaining how they can monitor their communities. The literature encourages supporters to find out how local politicians and school board members stand on gay rights. It asks supporters to find out which area businesses have policies protecting gays.

The outline warns Amendment 2 fans to be suspicious of any local groups with names that include the words "human rights," "diversity," "citizens watch" and "civil rights." It also says supporters should have "ready at a moment's notice" a group of people who will speak out against gay rights in any public forum.

For a while, Colorado for Family Values also wanted its supporters to boycott any businesses considered to be pro-homosexual — the very tactic Amendment 2 supporters decry as economic blackmail when it's done by the measure's critics.

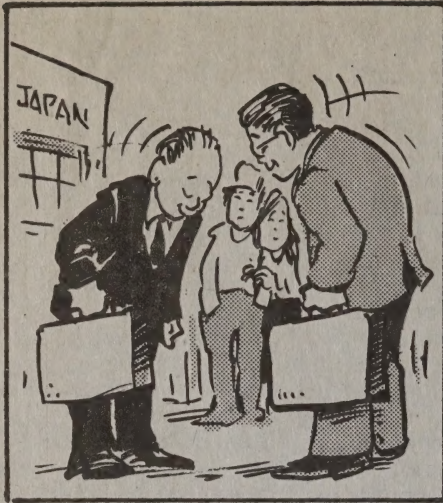
But after a vocal backlash by the Colorado Springs business community, Colorado for Family Values no longer tells its supporters to consider boycotting as an option. Picketing and letter-writing campaigns are still considered viable tactics, though, the group says.

Seminar participants are also shown a scathing portrayal of homosexuality in a video called "The Gay Agenda."

It shows gays rioting in California and contains X-rated footage taken from a San Francisco gay pride parade. It also contains an interview with two men who claim they were former homosexuals who participated in many bizarre sexual escapades. But through the help of religion, they say in the film, they have returned to heterosexuality and found personal happiness.

It is unclear how much impact the seminars have had. Some have been well attended — the meeting in Monte Vista attracted 120 people, for example. Other seminars, however, have attracted a little more than a dozen participants.

And no one in any of the towns has formed the independent local grassroots groups suggested by Colorado for Family Values. But the seeds have been sown, according to three organizers of the seminars, who said they would use the advice in the outlines if they faced a local gay rights challenge.



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In her letter, Davis asks, "Could
this thing simply be political?"
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